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In re Application of)
Dana Mears et al.)
Serial No.:) Group:
Filed:)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Examiner:
PERFORMING A MINIMALLY)
INVASIVE TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

Copies are not being submitted herewith as they were previously cited in a prior application, namely, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/558,044, filed April 26, 2001, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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